



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

June 9, 2016- 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGregor called the June 9, 2016 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Emily Bykonen, Melissa Edlund-Oakley, Leslie Hamada, Kasia Kelley, Brian Lord, Josh Max, and Fran McGregor

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Sr. Human Services Planner

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM LORD MOVED AND CM HAMADA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2016 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 7:0 MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

SPECIAL SPEAKERS: *Jon Naegle, Program Director of John Volken Academy (Residential Addiction Recovery Treatment)*

Jon Naegle opened the presentation with a short video showing the history of Volken Academy. There are three locations; Surrey BC, Arizona and Kent, WA. The Kent facility has been located on Central Avenue for three years. This model is very unique model, differing from a typical treatment program in that the clients must be drug/alcohol free before entering the two-year program with no mental illness. It is a non-profit, self-governed with no counselors or therapists. The Academy operates Price Co. furniture company as a training center to provide career training to the participants on all aspects of the company, from ordering, stocking, selling, and managing. It is a two-year residency program for men 18-32 years of age with a living facility next to Price Co. Students Matthew Baum and Derek Soelberg also shared how the program develops character and integrity of the men by holding themselves accountable to one another. Matthew added that the first year they work on self and the second year they begin to mentor new students and develop leadership skills. There have been 13 men graduating and staying in recovery long-term. The Commission members asked many questions about funding, and gave suggestion for possible resources and other agencies to connect with.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. Open Discussion on Application Funding Review for 1017-18 Funding Cycle

The Commission began reviewing the first ten funding applications, discussion any questions or issues with rating. The first agency called ANEW was not familiar with the commissioners so they may want to consider interviewing or doing a site visit to this agency to better understand their program. There were several members who had questions about the Community in Schools service units versus funding level and Victoria will contact the director for clarification.

Staff will provide a copy of the remaining 13 application prior to the next meeting. Victoria will notify the commissioners when a copy is ready for them to pick up at city hall. Chair McGregor reminded the commissioners to complete the first 20 application reviews by the July 14th meeting.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Victoria Throm shared a thank-you letter from HealthPoint Dental Service for the employee donation of \$1,760 last month.

**CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM LORD SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
AT 8:37 P.M. VOTE: 7:0. MOTION CARRIED**

Submitted by:



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